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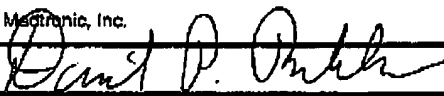
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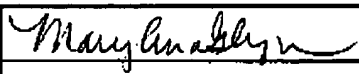
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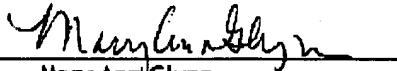
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Examiner: Truong, Kevin Thao

Serial No.: 10/612,082

Group Art Unit: 3734

Filing Date: July 2, 2003

Docket No.: P-8792.05

Title: **Foam-Type Vascular Prosthesis with Well Defined Angio-Permissive  
Open Porosity****RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2006. No extension of time is required.

A complete listing of the pending claims begins on page 2 of this Response. Remarks begin on page 4.